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TAGS: EQIP ETRD EFIN EAIR PDEV LA UR HK SUBJECT: LAO TRADE WITH HONG KONG AND USSR

- 1. RELIABLE SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 2 THAT A HIGH RANKING LAO OFFICIAL IN THE LAO NATIONAL BANK TOLD HIM THAT SAME DAY THAT BANK HAD \$300,000 IT WANTED TO SPEND OR DEPOSIT IN ONE OF ITS FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS.
- 2. SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM ANOTHER RELIABLE SOURCE THAT A LAO BUSINESSMAN NAMED YEM NORASING WAS INVOLVED IN BIG TRADE DEALS IN WHICH HE CHARTERED LAO AVIATION CARGO FLIGHTS TO HONG KONG WITH AN "UNKNOWN CARGO" AND RETURNED WITH EXPENSIVE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH HE THEN SOLD TO "THE RUSSIANS."
- 3. HIGH RANKING LAO AVIATION OFFICIAL TOLD SOURCE DURING LAST WEEK OF JULY THAT LAO AVIATION AT THAT TIME HAD A LOT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. WHEN SOURCE CONFIDENTIAL

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ASKED LAO AVIATION OFFICIAL WHERE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE CAME FROM HE REPLIED "FROM ANOTHER LAO MINISTRY".

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